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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of pending prior Application No. 10/796,332, (Confirmation No. 2003), filed on March 8, 2004 for CASE WITH INTERNAL LOCK.

1. ☐ Please enter the amendments filed on _____ in Application No. _____.
2. ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on _____ in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time and Reply to Office Action is enclosed.
4. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) is/are enclosed.
5. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed (in duplicate).
6. ☐ A Request to Change Correspondence Address and Attorney Docket Number is enclosed.
7. ☐ A suspension of action on the above-identified patent application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
8. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.

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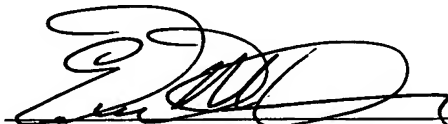
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9. ☒ Please charge \$790.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, Order No. 000879-0008, in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
10. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in connection with this Request, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, Order No. 000879-0008. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
11. ☐ Please grant a ☐ one-month, ☐ two-month, ☐ three-month, ☐ four-month, ☐ five-month, extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) in the above-identified patent application.
12. ☒ A fee for a one-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection was timely paid on June 23, 2006.
13. ☒ Please grant an additional one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) in the above-identified patent application.
14. ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed in payment of the fee for a _____-month extension of time.
15. ☒ Please charge \$330.00, in payment of the difference between a two-month extension fee and a one-month extension fee, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, Order No. 099999-0099, to extend to August 6, 2006 the period for responding to the March 6, 2006 Office action. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
16. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension of time fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with this paper, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, Order No. 099999-0099. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

July 19, 2006

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